

COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mitchell Hall | Crane Room (2nd Floor)
November 21, 2024 | 6:00 PM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

James Fowler, Chair
John Ammendola, Vice-Chair
Corrine M. Burger, Immediate-Past Chair
Sandy Doyle-Ahern
Traci L. Martinez, Esq.
Jerome Revish
Rick Ritzler
Lorina W. Wise, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Fowler at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- James Fowler
- John Ammendola
- Corrine Burger
- Sandy Doyle-Ahern
- Traci L. Martinez, Esq.
- Jerome Revish
- Rick Ritzler
- Lorina W. Wise, Esq.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

President Harrison advised that the record should show that notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with provisions of §121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code.

OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIR FOWLER

Chair Fowler thanked staff for the excellent job they have been doing and noted that the autumn semester is approaching its end, with Commencement scheduled on Dec. 13.

He congratulated Dr. Jennifer Anderson, Vice President of Information Technology, on being nominated for Inspire Leadership Network’s CIO of the Year award in the public sector category.

OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT HARRISON

President Harrison shared that this meeting will be Chair Fowler’s last meeting serving in that role. President Harrison expressed gratitude for Chair Fowler’s guidance and leadership as chair of the Board of Trustees and thanked him for his continued service to the Board.

President Harrison welcomed student ex-officio Fatima Muhammad, who introduced the student speaker, Andrea Gonzalez de la Cruz. After initially joining the military and later working as a phlebotomist, Gonzalez de la Cruz changed paths to enroll at Columbus State. Now, she is a second-year student pursuing an Associate of Science in Systems Engineering who plans to pursue advanced degrees in aerospace engineering. She is interested in becoming an astronaut. Gonzalez de la Cruz talked about her experience as a child of immigrants, veteran, and the first person in her family who would earn a college degree – and said the college has empowered her to pursue her dreams. “The people and opportunities that Columbus State gifted me helps me work toward my goal every day,” she said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Burger moved, Member Martinez seconded, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Thursday, September 26, 2024, be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Burger, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Martinez, Revish, Ritzler, and Wise

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Fowler shared the consent agenda items, which includes proposed Board Actions that were discussed at the November 15, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Adoption of FY24 Efficiency Report
- Policy Revisions: Sections of Chapter 1 and Chapter 9

- Construction Manager at Risk: Franklin Hall
- General Contractor Contract: Union Hall Café HVAC Update

Trustees declined to hold any further discussion.

Member Revish moved, Member Doyle-Ahern seconded, that the November 15, 2024, consent agenda be approved, as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES:	Ammendola, Burger, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Martinez, Revish, Ritzler, and Wise
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE THREE MONTH ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

This item was presented to the Board for information only.

PERSONNEL INFORMATION ITEMS

This item was presented to the Board for information only.

2025 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING CALENDAR

This item was presented to the Board for information only.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Harrison shared updates on a variety of topics and called on other college leaders to share information. President Harrison thanked Aletha Shipley, senior vice president and chief financial officer; Kieran Sherry, executive director of facilities planning, Design, and Construction; and Rob Messinger, chief of staff, for marshalling the policy revisions and efficiency report through the review and approval processes.

- **Day of Service:** Day of Service is an annual community and civic engagement event that is part of Columbus State’s strategic agenda. This year, 900 College staff, faculty, and students supported the community. For more than a decade, the Day of Service event has provided a large-scale demonstration of the College’s commit to service.
- **Columbus Rotary presentation:** President Harrison shared updates about college

priorities with the Columbus Rotary Club. President Harrison was pleased that Columbus City Schools Superintendent Angela Chapman was in the audience, particularly for the discussion about the positive momentum of Columbus Promise.

- **College honors Veterans and Military service:** Columbus State is the largest community college in the state in terms of military service, and the College recently recognized the service of current and former members of the military. Major General (Retired) Deborah Ashenhurst, director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, provided keynote remarks highlighting the importance of veterans to our community and to Ohio's economy.
- **Monitoring leadership changes:** President Harrison said the College is following changes to the federal government that will come with the upcoming transition of presidential administrations. He noted that Linda McMahon has been nominated as U.S. Education Secretary, and the College is also monitoring any policy proposals that may affect the National Science Foundation, Department of Labor, Department of Commerce and other federal agencies.
- **Media coverage:** *Columbus CEO* published an article highlighting Columbus State's partnerships with major players in Central Ohio's healthcare industry to expand the talent pipeline in critical fields. *The Christian Science Monitor* recently covered Columbus State's work with Intel to prepare educational paths to jobs in semiconductor manufacturing. An in-depth article in *Columbus CEO* focused on public-private partnerships to address regional priorities.
- **New Vantage data center:** Vantage Data Centers, a leading global provider of hyperscale data center campuses, announced its entrance into central Ohio with a groundbreaking that included references to its interest in partnering with Columbus State.
- **Franklin Hall upgrade:** Columbus State is investing more than \$50 million in classroom updates, with the Franklin Hall renovation as a centerpiece project. These investments were recently covered by *Business First* and *The Columbus Dispatch*. Classroom investments include the Franklin Hall project; Automotive Technology expansion/renovation; new labs for Vacuum Systems, Basic Mechanisms and Drives, and Bioscience; and other assorted classroom upgrades.

Dr. Martin Maliwesky, senior vice president of academic affairs, and Kieran Sherry presented an update on the College's plan to expand the healthcare talent pipeline and the associated work to develop the OhioHealth Center for Health Sciences. Mr. Sherry presented the design of the new academic building, which will support student success while putting learning on display. Mr. Sherry described the labs, simulation spaces, classrooms and other amenities in the OhioHealth Center for Health Sciences, which is expected to break ground in 2025 and open by the start of the 2027-28 academic year. Dr. Maliwesky shared progress about the College's plan to double the number of healthcare graduates, capitalize on demand for the new Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, and partner with employers for on-site training of incumbent workers.

Mr. Zach Woodruff, chief real estate development officer, provided an update on the Career Development Center on the southeast side. The new center will be focused on training students in

careers in the construction trades and for first responders. The College has been doing a lot of community outreach to share information about the 37-acre center. We are working through the process to finalize the property purchase, complete zoning work with the city of Columbus and prepare the business plan for the programs that will be housed at the center.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Revish shared recommendations from the Nominating Committee:

Board of Trustees Officers

- Chair: John Ammendola
- Vice Chair: Sandy Doyle-Ahern
- Immediate Past Chair: Jim Fowler
- Secretary: President Harrison
- Treasurer: Aletha Shipley
- Deputy Treasurers: President Harrison and Jan Ellis
- Board members for Columbus State Community Partners: Traci Martinez and Rick Ritzler
- Delegate to the Ohio Association of Community Colleges: Jerome Revish

Member Revish moved, Member Doyle-Ahern seconded that the Board approve the officers for 2025, as proposed.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Burger, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Martinez, Revish, Ritzler, and Wise

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Chair Fowler congratulated and thanked the new officers, who will assume their roles in January 2025.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

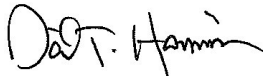
There was no public participation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



David T. Harrison, Ph.D. Secretary, Board of Trustees

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